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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2006, the applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 30-50, without traverse.

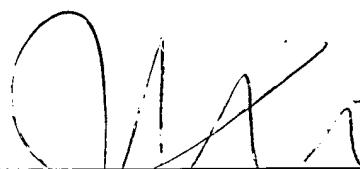
The applicants further elect the second Species, wherein the treating condition relates to dissolving rate, without traverse.

Claims 30-50 are readable on the elected Species.

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